GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Treasuries and Accounts Department – Krishna District-Suspected bogus authorisation of pensions detected in Krishna District by the Vig. & Enf. Dept.- Fraudulent payment of Pensions – Departmental Proceedings against Sri N. Phani Koteswara Sarma, the then Sub Treasury Officer Presently Asst. Treasury Officer (Retd.), District Treasury, Krishna under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Article of charge issued –Explanation Called for – Reg.

FINANCE (ADMN.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.151 **Date: 26.07.2023**

Read the following:

G.O.Ms.No.90, Finance (Admn.I) Department, Dated.26.07.2023.

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O R D E R:

1. In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under Sub Clause (i) of Clause (b) of Sub Rule (2) of rule 9 of A.P. revised Pension Rules,1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri N. Phani Koteswara Sarma, the then Sub Treasury Officer, Mylavaram presently Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd), District Treasury, Krishna in the reference cited, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against the said Sri N. Phani Koteswara Sarma, Asst. Treasury Officer (Retd.), District Treasury, Krishna in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991in connection with Suspected bogus authorisation of pensions detected in Krishna Dist.

2. The substance of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge. A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of article of the charge is enclosed, (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which the article of charge is proposed to be sustained is also enclosed (Annexure-II).

3. Sri N. Phani Koteswara Sarma, the then Sub Treasury Officer, presently Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.), District Treasury, Krishna is directed to submit his written statement of defence within (10) days of the receipt of this order and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. Sri N. Phani Koteswara Sarma, the then Sub Treasury Officer, presently Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.), District Treasury, Krishna is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges, which are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri N. Phani Koteswara Sarma, the then Sub Treasury Officer presently Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd), District Treasury, Krishna is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence within the stipulated time, further action will be taken as per provisions of Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. He is specifically informed that this memo does not preclude the Government to frame fresh charge/charges, if any further irregularity/irregularities are noticed during the course of disciplinary action.

7. The receipt of this G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHAMSHER SINGH RAWAT
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri N. Phani Koteswara Sarma, the then Sub Treasury Officer presently Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.), Dist. Treasury, Krishna through Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

Statement of Draft articles of charge framed against Sri N. Phani Koteswara Sarma, Asst. Treasury Officer (Retd.), Dist. Treasury, Krishna formerly Sub Treasury Officer, Sub Treasury, Mylavaram, Krishna District.

Article-I:

That Sri N. Phani Koteswara Sarma, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.), District Treasury, Krishna while functioning as Sub Treasury Officer, Sub Treasury, Mylavaram had failed to identify the genuineness of the pensioner and professed conversion of fake service pension into family pension in respect of Smt. G.T. Vijayalakshmi, W/o late G.T.S. Ranga Charyulu, who is not actually the wife of late service pensioner, through PPO No. EDN/KNA/SP-009447/01-02 and also without verifying the previous relevant records and without obtaining the required certificates resulting in huge loss sustained to Government exchequer, thereby he failed to discharge his legitimate duties as a responsible Government Servant, exhibited misconduct which is unbecoming of Government Servant and violated Rule 3 of A.P. Civil Service, Conduct Rules 1964.

Basis of Charge:

The Vigilance and Enforcement Department had raided the house of Sri K. Rangaramanujam, retired Teacher and on interrogation and also on cross verification of records with Mandal Education Officer and Sub Treasury Officers concerned, on tip of reliable sources, they have identified (10) bogus PPOs and reported that an amount of Rs.2,56,74,804/- has been irregularly paid to the bogus pensioners.

In the Notice which was issued to District Treasury Officer, Machilipatnam by Inspector of Police, Vuyyuru Circle, Vijayawada City vide Notice U/s 91 Cr.P.C, dt.09.09.2017, it was stated that Sri K. Rangaramanuja Charyulu, has got sanctioned pensions to his wife and Nine other relatives by using forged documents. On further verification of fake pensions it was found that Sri N.P.K. Sarma, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd), District Treasury, Krishna while functioning as Sub Treasury Officer, Mylavaram without verifying the following particulars allowed conversion of fake service pension into family pension which is also a fake one.

1) The initial service pension of Sri G.T.S. Ranga Charyulu was fake and the family pension of Smt. K. Ranganayaki was sanctioned by them in the name of Smt. G.T. Vijaya Laxmi who is not his wife.

2) He did not obtain the medical fitness certificate from the medical officer concerned of Smt. G.T. Vijayalaxmi who was mentioned in the family nomination form as suffering with mental disorder and prepared family pension payment orders in favour of Smt. G.T. Vijayalaxmi.

3) He had not obtained legal heir certificate from MRO Office, before sanctioning the death benefits of her husband.

4) He had not scrutinized thoroughly whether the family pension claimed person is genuinely the wife of the service pensioner or not, which resulted in generation of fake family pension and revenue loss of Rs.12,00,909/- to Govt., Exchequer.

Thus, Sri N. Phani Koteswara Sarma, Sub Treasury Officer failed to identify the genuineness of the pensioner and admitted the fake family pension conversion resulting in huge loss sustained to Government exchequer, thereby he failed to discharge his legitimate duties as a responsible Government Servant, exhibited misconduct which is unbecoming of Government Servant and violated rule 3 of A.P. Civil Service Conduct Rules 1964.

Thus the Charge.

SHAMSHER SINGH RAWAT
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

ANNEXURE-II

List of documents by which the articles of charge framed against Sri N. Phani Koteswara Sarma, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.) District Treasury, Krishna are proposed to be sustained.

1. Copy of Pension 'D' half of Smt. G.T. Vijayalakshmi, W/o Late G.T.S. Ranga Charyulu through PPO No. EDN/KNA/SP-009447/01-02.

2. Extract of Vigilance Report dated 26.02.2018.

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